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## The Senior Reserve Officer . . . His Mobilization Role and Training

(By CAPT S. R. Sands, Jr., Chief, Reserve Division)

The matter of continued training and, occasionally, retention in pay status of senior reserve officers rotated out of pay billets by the operation of Reserve Instruction No. 16-58 is continually being brought up to officers at Headquarters and in districts. That there still exists an honest lack of understanding of the mobilization role and current training opportunities for senior reserve officers is demonstrated by the recent inclusion of recommendations on the subject by some district policy boards.

It is my hope that this article will "lay the ghosts" that keep stopping up the rear of these serious ones.

In the event of mobilization it is contemplated that, at least initially, few if any senior reserve officers would be assigned to duty afloat. At the same time, the need for officers with command experience in port security and other operational aspects of the shore establishment will be far greater for lieutenant commanders and below than for

background in mind that the policy enunciated in Reserve Instruction No. 16-58 was formulated.

Where then, do the reserve commander and captain fit into the mobilization picture? In the main, such officers will find themselves in staff assignments, MIO's and in a few cases in command and execu-

tive billets at bases, training stations and COTP installations.

It follows, then, that the training of senior officers should be along such lines as would fit them to assume the responsibilities of these probable assignments. Many such officers could fit into one or more of these assignments today. Others need to broaden their knowledge of staff and operational requirements in phases of Coast Guard operations and responsibilities with which they have had little or no contact in the past. One very glaring example of the latter is in the marine inspection field, in which an exceedingly small number of senior reserve officers are qualified or even have more than the most rudimentary acquaintance.

Now I will frankly admit that, except for active duty for training assignment, proper and adequate inactive duty training opportunity does not currently exist in many of the training fields that should be. However, these areas of inadequacy

are being and will continue to be reduced at as great a rate as other higher priority objectives will allow.

In the meantime, many areas of inactive duty training exist which may be used to bring an officer up to date in various fields of admin-

## ORTUAG 03-973 Wins Canfield Trophy

New Orleans Unit Close Second

ORTUAG 03-973, Philadelphia, Pa., led a field of more than 40 competitors for the first award of the Gordon Canfield Trophy. The trophy will be presented personally by Representative Canfield to the commanding officer of the unit, LCDR H. M. Rambo, at the twelfth annual dinner of the Coast Guard Washington, D. C. Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association on 26 February. At the same time, a plaque for second place will be presented to LCDR Victor L. Colomb, Jr., Commanding Officer of ORTUAG 08-427, New Orleans, La. voted the better part of two days to

studying the applications. competition was stiff and the runner-up was close on the heels of the winner. Other units which ran close to the first two were ORTUPS 03-365, Whitestone, N. Y., commanded by LCDR Joseph A. Seibel; ORTUAG 11-315, Santa Monica, Calif., commanded by LCDR Donald S. Fraser; and ORTUPS 02-226, St. Louis, Mo., commanded by LCDR James H. Ford. Judges were RADM Alexander Jackson, USN(Ret), Assistant Executive Director for Navy of the Reserve Officers Association; LT Claude W. Brown, USCGR, President of the Coast Guard Washington Chapter; and LCDR Fred W. Hermes, Jr., USCG, of the Reserve Division at Coast Guard Headquarters.

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# Revised Listing of NCCC Courses for Officers

Following the custom inaugurated last year, there are listed below appropriate officer correspondence courses currently offered by the Naval Correspondence Course Center, Scotia, New York. Because of space limitations, courses offered by other activities will be listed in

the March issue.

These courses are open not only to commissioned officers, but to warrant officers, chief petty officers, and to qualified enlisted personnel in lower rates provided they are recommended by their commanding officers.

Application for these courses should be made on NAVPERS 992 (Rev. 2-56) or later revision, in accordance with instructions contained in Reserve Instruction No. 15-59. This Reserve Instruction also contains information on granting of retirement-point credit.

## NAVAL CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

TITLE	NAVPERS NUMBER	ASSIGN- MENTS	POINTS	TITLE	NAVPERS NUMBER	ASSIGN- MENTS	POINTS
Administration of Officer's Messes	10939-1	5	10	Naval Aviation	1075A	5	10
Air Navigation, Part I	10939-1	6	12	Naval Electronics, Part I	10929-1	11	24
Air Navigation, Part II	10960	8	24	Naval Electronics, Part II	10929-2	10	20
Aircraft Electrical Systems	10960	8	24	Naval Ordnance & Gunnery	10922-A1	17	36
Airplane Power Plants	10961-A1	8	16	Naval Ordnance Establishment	10963	6	12
Appropriation & Cost Accounting	10984	8	16	Naval Orientation	10900-2	11	24
Aviation Operations	10755	9	18	Naval Shipyard Duty for Engineering Specialists	10940	2	10
Basic Mechanical Engineering	10748-1	4	8	Naval Sonar	10928	6	12
Basic Nuclear Physics	10901-A	5	10	Naval Admiralty Law Practice	10725	1	3
Basic Structural Engineering	10749-1	3	6	Navy Contract Law	10988	12	24
BuShips Duty for Engineering Specialists	10939	6	12	Navy Public Information	10720-3	6	12
Claims	10727-1	3	6	Navy Real Estate Law	10989-1	6	12
Cold Weather Engineering	10910-A	5	10	Navy Regulations	10740-A1	11	24
Commissary	10981-A	3	6	Navy Supply System, The	10978-A	2	5
Contract Administration and Contractor Labor Relations	10742	3	6	Navy Travel	10977	2	5
Diesel Engines	10938-2	8	16	Organization for National Security	10721-2	5	10
Disbursing	10976	7	14	Passive Defense	10746	12	24
Duty Afloat for Engineering Specialists	10941	6	12	Personnel Administration	10968-A	5	12
Education & Training	10965-A	4	8	Petroleum Fuels and Lubricant Systems	10752	4	8
Electronics, Administration & Supply	10926	4	8	Petroleum Logistics	10904	9	18
Elements of Naval Machinery	10934-1	12	24	Photographic Interpretation	10958-A	9	18
Engineering Administration	10992-3	5	10	Power Generation and Distribution	10753	6	12
Engineering, Operation and Maintenance	10935-A1	7	14	Practical Damage Control	10936-3	6	12
Financial Management in the Navy	10732	5	10	Practical Problems in Marine Navigation	10737-1	4	12
Foundations of National Power	10770-A2	12	24	Radiological Defense	10771-A	5	10
General Aerology	10954-A3	6	12	Refresher Course for Aerologists	10953	12	24
General Communications	10916-A3	7	14	Seamanship	10923-A2	10	20
Gunnery Officer, The	10722	3	6	Security of Classified Information	10975-A3	3	6
Hot Weather Engineering	10915-1	4	8	Shipboard Communications	10918-2	4	8
Industrial Management	10947-2	10	20	Shipboard Electrical Systems	10991-1	6	12
Industrial Relations	10733-1	12	24	Shipboard Electronic Equipments	10762	6	12
International Law	10717-B	12	24	Shiphandling	10738-1	6	12
Investigations	10726-1	2	4	Shorebased Communications	10996	4	8
Jet Aircraft Engines	10985-B	6	12	Special Services	10969-A1	4	8
Leadership	10903-A	6	12	Supply Afloat	10980-A	6	12
Logistics	10902-2	6	12	Supply Ashore	10983-A2	8	16
Management and Industrial Engineering	10942-2	6	18	Theoretical Damage Control	10937	6	12
Maneuvering Board, The	10933-1	5	12	Uniform Code of Military Justice	10971	1	4
Marine Navigation, Part I	10921-1	6	12	Watch Officer, The	10719	3	6
Marine Navigation, Part II	10945-1	8	24	Water Supply and Sanitation	10750	6	12
Merchant Ship Communications	10917	6	12				
Military Justice in the Navy	10993-2	12	24				
Military Sea Transportation and Shipping Control	10948-A	8	16				
Naval Arctic Operations	10964-2	6	12				
Naval Airborne Ordnance	10964-2	6	12				

The following courses are classified CONFIDENTIAL:

TITLE	NAVPERS NUMBER	ASSIGN- MENTS	POINTS
Operational Tactics	10781-2	8	16
Fundamentals of Naval Intelligence	10728	8	24
Operational Communications	10760-1	6	12



# Unit News

## Attendance - November 1959

National Average..... 84.4%  
 Highest District: 13th..... 89.0  
 Highest ORTUPS:  
 11-635, Bakersfield, Calif. 98.0  
 Highest ORTUAG:  
 08-599, Port Arthur,  
 Texas ..... 96.0  
 Highest ORTU, other:  
 MOBDET 09-159, Cleve-  
 land, Ohio..... 100.0

## Commissioned

ORTUEL 13-937, Seattle, Wash., 6  
 January 1960 as a weekly unit.  
 CO - LT Victor C. HUGHES  
 ORTUAG 07-194, Orlando, Fla., 16  
 January 1960 as a weekend unit.  
 CO - LCDR D. E. ULLERY  
 ORTUR 01-536, Boston, Mass., 16  
 January 1960 as a weekend unit.  
 CO - LCDR Charles L. HAYTER  
 ORTUPS 05-342, Yorktown, Vir-  
 ginia, 16 January 1960 as a week-  
 end unit.  
 CO - LCDR Kenneth D. BELL  
 MOBDET 03-423, New York, N. Y.,  
 23 January 1960 as a weekend unit.  
 CO - LCDR Andrew L. BAIN

## ORTU Changes

ORTUPS 07-193, Gainesville, Fla.,  
 decommissioned on 9 January 1960,  
 and commissioned as ORTUAG  
 07-197 on the same date

## New Units Authorized

Anticipated Drilling Facility

ORTUAG:

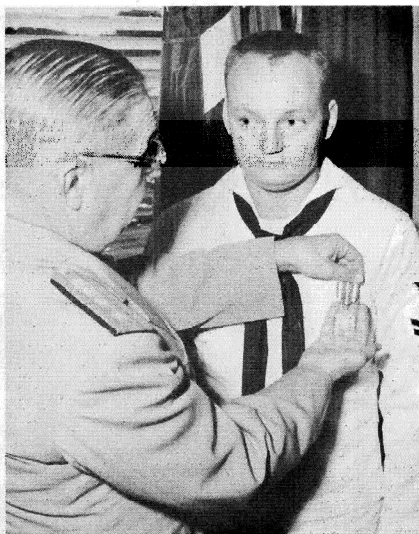
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USNROTC Building

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The trophy was donated by the  
 Coast Guard Washington Chapter of  
 ROA in honor of Representative  
 Canfield for his support in Congress  
 of the Coast Guard Reserve--sup-  
 port which has earned him the title  
 of "Father of the Coast Guard Re-  
 serve."

This year's dinner, at which the  
 trophy will be presented, has been  
 timed to coincide with the annual  
 meeting of the Coast Guard Affairs  
 Sub-committee of ROA, which will  
 convene on 26 and 27 February in  
 Washington, and will be followed on  
 28 February by a visit to the new  
 Yorktown Reserve Training Center.



John B. GONCI, Jr., receives Coast Guard  
 Commendation Medal from RADM W. W. KENNER,  
 Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

## Death Takes No Holidays

(NavNews Editorial)

Holidays and accidents appear to  
 go hand in hand, at least on the more  
 spectacular side of the news. Unfor-  
 tunately, death does not take a  
 holiday but continues its grim reap-  
 ing 365 days a year with an extra  
 day as a bonus thrown in during this  
 leap year.

Perhaps percentage-wise the non-  
 holidays may be more dangerous in  
 that many drivers relax. Driving is  
 a serious business every day not  
 just on holidays. You are in sole  
 control of tons of metal hurtling by  
 other masses of steel and aluminum,  
 frequently by a matter of inches.

Unlike the tango, it takes only  
 one for an accident. One error in  
 judgment, such as hitting your brakes  
 on a slippery road, can result in  
 turning over or smashing into an  
 immovable tree, fence or bridge  
 abutment.

You should approach driving as  
 you would any extra-hazardous as-  
 signment in the Navy. It should  
 receive your undivided attention just  
 as it does from those who make  
 driving their profession. You should  
 know not only what your automobile  
 can do, but what it cannot do. Do  
 not assume that the other driver  
 will be as careful as you. View him  
 as a dangerous object on the high-  
 way, subject to unpredictable ma-  
 neuvers.

## Reservist Receives Commendation Medal

John B. GONCI Jr., (R-319-246)  
 EN2, USCGR, of 1332 N. E. 181st  
 Ave., North Miami Beach, recently  
 received the Coast Guard Commenda-  
 tion Medal from Rear Admiral  
 W. W. KENNER, Commander, Sev-  
 enth Coast Guard District in cere-  
 monies in the admiral's office.

GONCI's citation read: "for mer-  
 itorious performance of duty on  
 4 October 1959, while attached to  
 the Coast Guard Base, Gloucester,  
 N. J., and serving on the CG-40450,  
 dispatched to extinguish a fire on  
 the cabin cruiser JANICE moored  
 at the Atlantic City Electric Com-  
 pany dock at Deepwater, N. J.

"Two Fire Department companies  
 had arrived on the scene earlier,  
 but refused to board the stricken  
 vessel as the fire was in the engine  
 compartment in close proximity to  
 two sixty-gallon gasoline tanks.  
 GONCI, despite repeated warnings,  
 immediately boarded the craft; the  
 charred deck giving way beneath  
 his weight. Several times he was  
 forced to retreat by the thick smoke.

"Displaying outstanding courage  
 while exposed to severe heat and the  
 imminent danger of the explosion of  
 the tanks, GONCI chopped out the  
 deck plates, thereby making an open-  
 ing so that his companions could  
 force foam into the bilges of the  
 vessel.

"His prompt action averted not  
 only the total destruction of the  
 JANICE, but also a possible power  
 shutdown for the South Jersey area.  
 GONCI's cool-headedness, courage,  
 initiative and unwavering devotion  
 to duty were in keeping with the  
 highest traditions of the United  
 States Coast Guard."

GONCI, who joined the Coast Guard  
 in Miami in October 1955, was  
 transferred to the Coast Guard Re-  
 serve on completion of his 4 year  
 enlistment and immediately re-  
 quested assignment to a reserve unit.  
 He is now a member of ORTUPS  
 07-437, Miami Beach, Florida.

Death is no respecter of civilian  
 or military status, nor between rank  
 and rate. All must approach it on  
 an equal basis. Know what you are  
 doing and have your car under  
 control at all times.

Let the other fellow make the  
 traffic headlines.



*J. A. BERRY, QM2, of ORTUPS 12-656, Sacramento, California, demonstrates an instrument to a group of Mariner Girl Scouts, at a recent troop meeting devoted to a study of the use of weather gauges, thermometers and charts - a prerequisite to the Mariner Midshipmite rate. It is interesting to note that Mrs. R. M. Hoffman, skipper of the troop, is the niece of CAPT Reginald W. BUTCHER, USCG (Ret), who swore in LCDR F. G. KAY, commanding officer of the unit, as a Seaman 2/C in 1941.*

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istration and operation. One of these, embracing both such fields and giving training in a major statutory responsibility of the Coast Guard, is the Volunteer Training Unit, Merchant Marine Safety. As of the date this article was written, six such units were in commission, located in Boston, Los Angeles (2), New York, Seattle and Washington. Others are in the formative stage. Naval Reserve Officer Schools offer many courses of definite value, and Navy correspondence courses may be taken to great advantage as well.

Volunteer Training Units of types other than MMS exist in Detroit, Hackensack, New Rochelle, New Orleans, New York and Washington, and others are in the planning stage as officers become aware of the fact that the minimum membership requirement was recently changed from ten to five members.

With regard to those fields of Coast Guard training activity which are not currently covered, steps are being taken to reduce the load borne by the Training Section of the Re-

### Selection Announced For Naval War College Course

Captain Blair A. Walliser of New York City will represent the Coast Guard at the Senior Reserve Officers' Course convening 28 May 1960 at the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island.

CAPT Walliser, whose wartime service included assignments in public relations and as Commander, LCI Group 103, recently resigned as Executive Vice President of the Mutual Broadcasting System to devote his time to organization of the Colonial Broadcasting Company, of which he is Chairman of the Board.

CAPT Walliser has served on several boards and committees at Headquarters, and is at present chairman of the Commandant's Advisory Panel for Public Information.

serve Division in Headquarters in order that more concentrated effort may be applied to the solving of this problem.

### 1959 Reserve Instructions Since August Listing

Since the last listing in the August issue of the RESERVIST, the following additional Reserve Instructions have been issued, completing the 1959 series.

- 18-59 Record of Military Status of Registrant, DD Form 44 (1 Dec 56); instructions for submission of
- 19-59 Naval Reserve Officers Schools; information concerning
- 20-59 Active duty for training at Naval War College, Newport, R. I.; information concerning 1960 courses
- 21-59 Required correspondence or Naval Reserve Officers School courses for certain direct-commissioned officers, USCGR; amends Reserve Instruction No. 14-59
- 22-59 The Gordon Canfield Troop establishment of and procedure and criteria for award to ORTU's
- 23-59 Immunization requirements for members of the Coast Guard Reserve
- 24-59 Participation of Reservists on inactive duty in parades or other suitable ceremonies; policy concerning
- 25-59 Eligibility for participation in service-wide examinations; amends Reserve Instruction No. 3-59.
- 26-59 Interservice Aviation Training for United States Coast Guard Reserve Aviators.
- 27-59 Preparation of the Reserve Point Record, Form CG-3034 (Rev. 2-54) and Form CG-3034A (3-54); instructions for
- 28-59 Procedure for report of scheduled drills for Reserve Training Units.

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